AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-11 are cancelled.

12. (New) A method for applying a reclosable pouring element comprising a pouring opening, a flange with a threaded ferrule, a closure film and a removable cap to a container having an opening, wherein the container comprises a body, a base and a lid, comprising the steps of:

connecting the pouring element to the lid of the container having an opening by affixing the flange of the pouring element to the lid in a liquid-tight fashion;

connecting the lid to the body in a liquid-tight fashion;

connecting the base to the body;

sterilising an interior of the container including the pouring opening;

filling the container with a product through the pouring opening;

closing the container by sealing the closure film onto the pouring element allowing the pouring opening of the pouring element to be closed in a liquid-tight fashion; and

applying the cap to the pouring element, wherein before sterilising, a section of the closure film is sealed on the pouring element allowing the pouring opening of the pouring element to remain open until filling.

13. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the closure film is sealed on after applying the pouring element and before the sterilising.

14. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the section of the closure film is sealed laterally on the threaded ferrule.

15. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the container with the pouring element affixed thereto and the closure film sealed on the pouring element with

the pouring opening still open, further wherein the container is inserted with at least the lid having the pouring element into a region delimited by side walls serving as a guide for a sterilising means in a direction of the container and encloses tightly or with a small tolerance a circumference of the container in a region of the lid having the pouring element.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the container with at least the lid having the pouring element remains in the delimited region during a filling of the container and a liquid-tight sealing of the pouring opening by sealing the closure film on the pouring element.

17. (New) A container with a reclosable pouring element including a pouring opening, a flange, and a removable cap, wherein the pouring element is constructed as a threaded ferrule and the cap is constructed as a screw-on cap, further wherein the pouring element has a thread-free region on an outer circumference of the pouring element for sealing a section of a closure film.

18. (New) The container according to claim 17, wherein the thread free region for sealing the section of the closure film is constructed as a flattened area.

19. (New) The container according to claim 17, wherein the container is formed of a lid, a body and a base, further wherein the lid includes an opening and the pouring element.

20. (New) The container according to claim 18, wherein the container is formed of a lid, a body, and a base, further wherein the lid includes an opening and the pouring element.

21. (New) The container according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the lid, the body and the base is constructed of a liquid-tight cardboard/plastic composite material having a cardboard support layer.

22. (New) The container according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the lid, the base and the body includes a flanged connecting edge.

23. (New) The container according to claim 19, wherein at least one of the lid and the base includes a bent connecting edge engaging in a flanged connecting edge of the body.

24. (New) The container according to claim 21, wherein at least one of the lid, the base and the body includes a flanged connecting edge.

25. (New) The container according to claim 21, wherein at least one of the lid and the base includes a bent connecting edge engaging in a flange connecting edge of the body.